



LRHS Band News and Notes

10/25/2023

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Important October/November Dates:

- **Saturday, October 28th:** Corinth Holder Band Competition - SB - all day;
[☰ 2023 Marching Contest Inst Sheet Corinth Holders](#)
- **Monday, November 6th:** CB and Sb Atlanta Spring Trip Payment #2 due (see announcement below)
- **Wednesday, November 8th:** Fruit and Flower order forms due before 1st period
- **Tuesday, November 14th:** Guest Clinicians visit during all periods
- **Tuesday, November 14th:** 2:30pm Luminary Prep in the Cafeteria (Optional)
- **Tuesday, November 14th:** Bands Club Meeting - 7pm
- **Saturday, November 18th:** Raleigh Christmas Parade (Yes it is happening)
[📄 2023 Raleigh Christmas Parade In Sheet.docx](#)
- **Tuesday, November 28th:** Guest Clinicians visit during all periods

December Dates are listed in the Directors' Announcements section of this newsletter.

New Bands Club Announcements:

1. **CB and Sb Atlanta Spring Trip Payment #2:**

Atlanta Spring Trip – Please note that the next payment (\$250 per traveler) for the Spring trip is due on November 6. All payments are handled through Charms. The procedure to add money to your student's Charms account can be found here: [Adding Money to the Charms Student Ledger](#) . *All payments in Charms must be made through the Make Miscellaneous Payment button.*

2. **Fundraising Committee News:**

Out-To-Eat Night Fundraiser – Special THANK YOU!!!

I want to thank EVERYONE who took time out of their BUSY schedules to come to The Pickled Onion last night to support the LRHS Bands Club. I am humbled and amazed by the level of Pride spirit shown by you, your families and even your friends. Thank you for helping to make our first out-to-eat night of the year a HUGE success.

Fruit & Flower Fundraiser

The 3-week Fruit & Flower Fundraiser is underway. This is a fantastic way to earn money for your student's Charms account. All band and orchestra students received their fundraising material last week. The only thing students need to print is the flower sheet to show customers the beautiful flowers we have to offer. Click [here](#) to access the Fundraising page and all the Fruit & Flowers material including the flower sheet and the presentation from last week's Bands Club meeting.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Counting Day on Wednesday, Nov 8th (7:30am – 12:00pm) at Stephanie's home; click the link below to sign up, as well as to view other opportunities to get involved.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4EA5AD2A1-fruit1#/>

Questions: Fruit contact Kelly Monce 919-272-2685; Flower contact Stephanie Marcellino (919) 604-3996. Email lrhsbands.fruitfund@gmail.com.

Capital Campaign Fundraiser (October 2023 – May 2024)

This fundraiser is designed to help raise money to purchase items on the Director's wish list:


- New sousaphone to replace a 30-year-old instrument; we replaced one last year at a price of \$12,000
- Renovate the aging band room's instrument storage for our growing program

Our Capital Campaign goal this year is \$25,000.

Credit cards donations will be accepted by clicking the Donate button at the bottom of the band's website (<https://www.leesvilleband.org/home/>) or at the Merchandise Sales table at each Bands Club Meeting and Concert. You may also send checks to Linda McCall, Bands Club Treasurer. Please review the attached letter for more details; forward it onto your family, friends, and businesses. Any and all donations are welcome.

2023 Luminary Fundraiser – Coming Soon - Mark Your Calendars

Please review this flyer from the Luminary Committee with upcoming event dates.

 [LRHS Luminary Save the Date.pdf](#)

Questions? Contact Ken Leshner mrllesher68@yahoo.com

RaiseRight (Electronic Gift Cards)

Create your **RaiseRight** account today at www.RaiseRight.com or get the mobile App and start earning money for your student's Charms account and the Band!!



RaiseRight.

The Enrollment Code is **411B3F35692L**.

RaiseRight is a "Digital gift card" system. It works similarly to grocery gift cards but there are a few major differences to highlight:

- 1) The digital (electronic) gift cards are accessible on the RaiseRight app; once purchased, families can access all of their gift cards in the app at any time.

Note: No physical cards will be supplied as they cost \$10 to be mailed.

- 2) RaiseRight includes but is not limited to, local stores such as grocery stores. Some other stores include Walmart, Kohls, Home Depot, Gap, Ulta Beauty, etc. and many restaurants including Starbucks, Domino's, Panera, Buffalo Wild Wings, etc. A complete list of stores and more details about the program can be found on the company's website at raiserright.com. The amount earned varies depending on the vendor.
- 3) ***3% of the funds raised go to the band program and 97% goes directly into your child's Charms account.***

Questions? Contact Angela Hamilton, RaiseRight Coordinator, at achamilton81@gmail.com.

New Announcements from the Directors:

1. Upcoming Marching Band FB Games:

Possible Football Playoff Dates: **Note we will only play at HOME games, and any away games Mrs. Jacobs requests us to play at. We understand that this is not a part of our original schedule. If you have a prior commitment, please communicate this with us in advance. If the team wins, they play the next game. If they lose, they are done for the season.

- 1st Round Playoffs: November 3, 2023
- 2nd Round Playoffs: November 10, 2023
- 3rd Round Playoffs: November 17, 2023
- 4th Round Playoffs: November 24, 2023
- Regionals: December 1, 2023
- State Championships - Day 1: December 8, 2023
- State Championships - Day 2: December 9, 2023

2. Important December Dates to plan for:

- December 6th - Fruit Delivery Day 3:30-6:00 pm

- December 7th - Flower Delivery Day 3:30-6:00 pm
- December 14th - 6pm Intermediate Band/Orchestra Concert
- December 14th - 7pm Concert Band/Jazz Band Concert
- December 15th - 7pm Symphonic Band Concert

3. Special Request from Leesville Career Services:

The Leesville Career Services will be sponsoring the *Leesville Career Fair for Seniors* on Thursday, November 9, 2023. Our underclassmen will be taking the PSAT that morning. We would like you to attend to showcase your business/program. You and your business expertise will be invaluable to our seniors by connecting the relevancy between education and future careers. You can reserve your spot here: <https://bit.ly/LeesvilleCareerFair4Seniors>

Date: Thursday, November 9, 2023

Time: 7:45 am - 10:45 am (setups can begin at 7:15am)

Location: Leesville Road High School Main Gym, 8410 Pride Way, Raleigh, NC 27613

More information will follow soon, and please contact me if you have additional questions or concerns! We look forward to seeing each of you on November 9!

Thanks,
Gwen Canada
gcanada@wcpss.net

4. FYI - Attention SB Marching Band Families:

The Rolesville Competition had a photographer on site, and they have created an online gallery if any SB families wish to purchase any of the images. They can be found here:

<https://deevsphotography.pixieset.com/guestlogin/leesvillehsband/?return=%2Fleesvillehsband%2F>

5. Governor's School Application Process: Here is the link for the upcoming Governor's School Application Process:

[Copy of 2024 NC Governor's School Application Audition Process](#)

Previous Announcements:

1. Charms/Student Account Updates:

- Fair share for all bands – the deadline for fair share payments was last week. Please make those payments via your student's Charms account if you have not already done so.
- Spring trip for Concert and Symphonic Bands – **the next trip payment of \$250 is due Monday, November 6th**. Payments are to be made by credit or debit card in Charms. Please note that for this first trip payment, there will not be a fixed payment available to view in Charms until after all of the trip commitment forms are turned in. Simply log into the account before the payment deadline and add

enough money via the Make Miscellaneous Payment option to bring the account balance to \$250.

- General Charms information – the procedure for adding money to Charms can be found here: [Adding Money to the Charms Student Ledger](#). You can see whether the money you've added to Charms has been reconciled with a fixed payment by clicking here: [How to View the Status of a Fixed Payment in Charms](#)

2. Private Teachers List:

Private instructors are SUPER helpful to students, whether they are struggling or excelling! Everyone has room to get better. With such big class sizes, Mr. C and Mrs. Colburn can't give as much individualized instruction as they would like. By taking private lessons with a professional musician, students will grow and learn SOO much more and SOO much faster. If students are planning to audition for Concert Band, Symphonic Band, All-District, All-Region Jazz, All-State, etc. we would HIGHLY recommend lessons. Of the students making the All-State band, 95% of the time they are taking private lessons. [Here is a list of private teachers](#) in the Raleigh area that Mr. C and Mrs. Colburn recommend. Let us know if you have questions about WHICH teacher might best fit the personality of your student. We would be happy to help.

[Private Music Teachers list](#)

3. Minutes from the September 2023 Bands Club Meeting:

 **2023-09 Bands Clubs Meeting Minutes.docx**

4. Upcoming Music Special Events of interest to band students:

- USAF Band FREE Concert - Boone, NC, October 25 at 7pm:

 **2023 Fall Tour BABB&SS Flyer Appalachian State University.pdf**